

2016 SJIFT GOLF TOURNAMENT REPORT

From Scott Nichols, SJIFT Golf Chair

The 19th Annual SJIFT Golf Tournament was held on September 22, 2016 at the Fig Garden Golf Club, located along the beautiful San Joaquin River in Fresno, CA. We had absolutely the best weather ever for a golf tournament at 75F, sunny and a light breeze. We had another good turnout of 105 players teeing off on the 6318 yard course. We also had about 140 folks for dinner and awards that evening.

We wish to thank our major sponsors: **Phil Klein** of San Joaquin Valley Concentrates who supported us with a \$6,000 Full Scholarship Sponsorship, and **Scott Nichols** of The Horn Company with a \$3,000 Semester Scholarship. **David Hickok** of Ruiz Foods, and **Brian Young** of Cryovac each provided Eagle Sponsorships at the \$1800 level. **Chuck Lambert** of Grain Processing and **Joe Fanelli** of Label Technology donated Birdie Sponsorships for \$1000 each. **Mary Sisson** of Solvay sponsored our \$20,000 Scotland Golf Vacation Hole in One prize at the \$1500 level. **Bill Smittcamp** of Wawona Frozen Foods was our Beverage Cart Sponsor at \$1000. We also thank **Dan O'Connell** of Fiberstar for supporting our Closest to the Pin contests and **Sophia Fahrney** of Fahrney Automotive Group for sending a new 2016 Ford Fusion as a Hole in One prize on hole number 3. We also want to thank Ruiz Foods for supporting our "No Whining Hole" on number 17!

We wish to thank our 18 Tee Box Sponsorships at \$350 each: **Dave Plowman** of APAC Chemicals, **Ryan Gosswiller** of Batory Foods, **Julie Inman** of Beneo, Inc., **Trish Frazier** of Brenntag Pacific, **Ron Pitts** of Del Monte Foods, Hanford, **Phil Kraemer** of Foodarom, **J.C. Stubblefield** of Gold Coast Ingredients, **Matt Cholakian** of Hydrite Chemicals, **Lori King** of IOI Lodgers, **Chris Bahr** of McCormick, **Matt Gallinetti** of National Raisin, **Jim Lieskovan** of Nationwide Boiler, **Fred Baque** of Newlyweds Foods, **Dave Plowman** of Northstar Chemicals, **Gary Jue** of Orchard Choice/Valley Fig Growers, **Gina Cardoza** of Pacific Coast Chemicals, **Scott Shehadey** of Producers Dairy and **Christian Jeuris** of Univar.

Special thanks go to **Trish Frazier** of Brenntag Pacific, **Ryan Gosswiller** of Batory Foods and **Scott Nichols** of the HORN Company who each sponsored multiple foursomes!

Additional special thanks go to our SJIFT Board that works hard every year to make this a successful event: **Quinn Zweigle**, **Trish Frazier**, **Ryan Gosswiller**, **Dr. Erin Dormedy**, **Brittney Cemo**, **Matt Cholakian**, **Kimberly Kurisu**, **Nicole Miranda** and **Jordan Bolin**.

We apologize for not having Firestone Brewery pouring beer for us as promised, but we had a last minute issue with a liquor license that prevented us from having them this year. We hope that all the players got enough adult beverages out on the course!

We don't have our financials done yet, but the tournament raised approximately \$15,000 in Scholarship funds for CSUF Food Science Students! Since the inception of the tournament in 1998, we have raised over \$140,000. The success of this tournament is due to the overwhelming support we receive from our sponsors, so again, the SJIFT Golf Committee says THANK YOU!

We had 13 Food and Beverage Sponsors who filled up the golf goodie bags to help keep our costs down, and we wish to thank the following: **Dale Killen** of Barney Butter, **Joe Grossi** of Brenntag, **Dennis Perkins** of The Brownie Baker, **Elaine Steindler** of Carmi Flavors, **Randy Erickson** of Clif Bar, **Robin McConnell** of Del Monte Foods in Modesto, **Eric Heidman** of Diamond Foods, **Craig Rothe** of Elite Spice, **Brandon Kirchmeyer** of GU Energy, **Quinn Zweigle** of National Raisin, **Prasad Gandham** of Nichols Pistachio, **Jennie Xayavath** of Ready Roast, and **Gary Jue** of Orchard Choice/Valley Fig Growers.

Tournament Awards

Similar to last year, we used low gross scores and divided the players into three flights. The winners in each flight received a SJIFT Blue Golf Cap and a Calloway gift card valued between \$100 and \$150 each! Our putting challenge winner, the longest and most accurate drive winners and the CTP winners each received \$50 FGGC gift cards. We also gave away a brand new 50 inch 4-G Vizio TV as our grand raffle prize!

Flight A, with a score of 58, went to the threesome of **Matt Cholakian, Matt Gallinetti and Gary Green**. They each received a \$150 Calloway gift card.

Flight B, with a score of 63, went to the foursome of **Lino Teran, Randall Teran, Gilbert Luna and Brian Young**. They each received a \$125 Calloway gift card.

Flight C, with a score of 68, went to the threesome of **Scott Nichols, Chad Christensen and Chuck Lambert**. They each received a \$100 Calloway gift card.

Longest Drive for Men on hole 5 went to **Justin Rushing**.

Longest Drive for Women on hole 5 went to **Sara Stewart**.

Most Accurate Drive on hole 14 went to **Gilbert Lemus** (at 40 inches).

The Putting Contest winner was **Bob Hooper**.

Closest to the Pin Winners: **Dave Plowman** was only 6 ft, 5 inches away from the Fahrney Ford Hole in One (Number 3)! Other CTP winners were: **Jeff Wong** at 6 ft, 1/2 inches on Hole # 11, **Wayne Miller** at 10 ft 10 inches on Hole 17 and **Julie Inman**, who won the Women's only CTP prize on Hole 7.

The **Pot-of-Gold** contest on Hole No. 3, was won by **Dave Plowman**! He split the pot with the SJIFT and took home \$325 in cash!

We greatly appreciate the support of this tournament from our golfers and sponsors.

Please join us next year for our 20th Anniversary Tournament!